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The Mavericks
fight fire with fire
to free a town from a
GUNFIGHT ELECTION!

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Even while minding our own business, we seem to have a special knack for getting mixed up in other people's affairs. This time it is a whole town and the candidates in an election.



When we become involved,
we are threatened . . .



When we aren't co-operative,
we are inconvenienced



And it takes whis, fists, and guns to deal with a
GUNFIGHT ELECTION



MAVERICK

GUNFIGHT ELECTION

ONE DAY, AS BRET AND BART MAVERICK RIDE INTO THE TOWN OF RIMFIRE...

...AND I TELL YOU FOLKS, A VOTE FOR SWILING JIM CATTREY IS A VOTE FOR DECENT GOVERNMENT! I WANT EVERY CITIZEN OF RIMFIRE TO KNOW HERE AND NOW, THAT WHEN HE VOTES FOR ME, HE'S VOTING FOR A MAN WHO HAS THE TOWN'S INTEREST AT HEART!

LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE IN TIME FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION!

SEEMS LIKE THE LAST TIME WE WERE THROUGH HERE THREE YEARS AGO, SWILING JIM WAS SPEAKING THE SAME WORDS!



HEY, SWILING JIM! WHY DO YOU WASTE TIME GIVING US A SPEECH? THERE'S NOBODY RUNNING AGAINST YOU!

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION, MY FRIEND...

I REALIZE THAT NO MAN HAS COME FORTH TO OPPOSE ME! THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE GOOD PEOPLE EVERYWHERE REALIZE THERE'S NO SENSE IN CHANGING SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY PERFECT! BUT I STILL WANT TO CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION...



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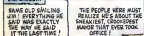


I WANT YOU FOLKS TO KNOW THAT I'M HERE, WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF THIS TOWN! AND BELIEVE ME I'D WELCOME ANY GOOD COMPETITION!



BUT I'LL SPEAK ANYWAY! ... GOT TO KEEP IN PRACTICE ... AND SHOW YOU FOLKS I'M YOUR FRIEND!

AFTER SMILING JIM ENDS HIS SPEECH, THE CROWD DISPERSES...



SAME OLD SMILING JIM! EVERYTHING HE SAID WAS EXACTLY THE WAY HE SAID IT THE LAST TIME!

THE PEOPLE HERE MUST REALIZE HE'S ABOUT THE SNEAKIEST, COOKEST WAGER THAT EVER TOOK OFFICE!

WELL, WE'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT THAN JIM CAFFREY!



EYEBUT! FIGHT A GOOD MEAL AND THEN A LONG NIGHT'S SLEEP!

THAT EVENING, FOLLOWING DINNER...



THAT BED'S GOING TO FEEL MIGHTY GOOD, BET? I...LISTEN!

NO! YOU CAN'T FORCE ME TO BACK OUT!

IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL LEAVE TOWN NOW!



THIS IS A FREE ELECTION! I'VE GOT MY RIGHTS!











WHAT DO YOU THINK, BART? A DOLLAR TWENTY OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH!

IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING AT THAT! IT'S HIGH TIME SMILING JIM CAPFREY STEPPED ASIDE FOR SOMEONE ELSE...



ALL RIGHT, JEFF! IT'S A DEAL!

THANKS, FELLAS!



COME ALONG, SANDY...WE'LL LET YOUR DADDY AND HIS FRIENDS TALK BUSINESS! IF THEY'RE GOING TO RUN A CAMPAIGN, THEY'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO!

NIGHT, DADDY! NIGHT, BART AND BRET!



SANDY'S QUITE A GIRL!

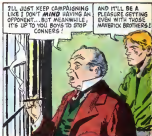
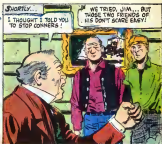
AND A REAL POLITICIAN! WHEN THE MAVERICKS TAKE A JOB FOR A DOLLAR AND TWENTY CENTS, THAT'S REALLY SOMETHING!



THE NEXT MORNING, RESIDENTS OF RIMFIRE ARE SURPRISED TO HEAR THE NEWS...

...AND I HOPE, BEFORE THE ELECTION, TO CONVINCE YOU PEOPLE OF RIMFIRE THAT IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN CITY GOVERNMENT! SMILING JIM CAPFREY ISN'T GOING TO BE LAUGHING ABOUT THIS, BUT HE TOLD YOU HE WOULD WELCOME COMPETITION! THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO GET IT!











ONE MORE CHANCE, THAT'S ALL!
YOU STOP THOSE HAWKICK
BROTHERS OR ELSE!



WE'LL DO IT TONIGHT,
MAYOR... AFTER IT'S
DARK!

YEAH! AND THIS TIME
WE'LL USE GUNS!



TWO EVENING...

IT'S BEEN
A BUSY
DAY, JEFF! BUT I THINK
WE ACCOMPLISHED
SOMETHING!

I'VE MADE SO
MANY SPEECHES
MY VOICE IS
HOARSE!



WE'LL GET A GOOD NIGHT'S
SLEEP, TOMORROW WE'LL
ALL BE MAKING
SPEECHES!

GOOD NIGHT,
BOYS! AND
THANKS!



BRET AND BART ENTERED THEIR ROOM, UNWARE
THAT THEY HAVE VISITORS...

THIS ELECTION
CAMPAIGNING IS KIND
OF INTERESTING...

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO
SEE JIM CANNERY OUT OF
OFFICE!



AS BART LIGHTS THE LAMP...

REACH,
BOYS!

DON'T YOU FELLAS ASK TO BE INVITED INTO SOMEONE'S ROOM?

WE INVITED OURSELVES!



BART TRIES TO GRAB ONE OF THE MEN...



YOU'LL WISH YOU HADN'T DONE THAT, - MISTER!

TALK'S CHEAP, FELLA! THIS TIME WE'RE GIVING THE ORDERS!



PICK YOUR BROTHER UP! WE'RE TAKING YOU TWO FOR A MOONLIGHT RIDE!

TAKE THEM OUT THE BACK WAY! I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH THE CLECK DOWNSTAIRS!



BART IS FORCED AT GUNPOINT TO CARRY BART DOWN THE REAR STEPS...



WHILE DOWNSTAIRS...

THIS OUGHT TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR BILL!

BUT THEY DIDN'T SAY A THING ABOUT THIS TO ME!



IT CAME UP SUDDENLY ! SOME
IMPORTANT BUSINESS IN SACRAMENTO !
THEY ASKED ME TO PAY UP FOR
THEM !

WELL, I
SUSPECT IT'S
ALL RIGHT,
THEN...



THEY SAID TO TELL YOU IF JEFF CONNERS
SAYS ABOUT THEM, TO TELL HIM THEY
COULDN'T STAY IN TOWN ANY LONGER !



AN HOUR LATER, SPOT AND BORT FIND THEMSELVES ON THE TRAIL, THREE MILES FROM TOWN.

WHERE ARE YOU
TAKING US ?

DON'T WORRY, BOYS ! YOU WON'T BE HURT !
WE'RE JUST TAKING YOU OUT OF CIRCULATION
TILL THE ELECTION'S OVER !



SOON, AT A REMOTE CAVE IN A ROCKY COUNTRY...

I'LL SEE YOU IN
THREE DAYS, MARC !
SURE YOU CAN
HANDLE THEM
ALL, RIGHT ?

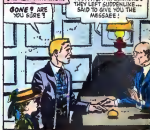
DON'T WORRY, STRADER...
IF THEY SO MUCH AS
BLINK AN EYELASH,
I'LL USE THIS GUN !



THE NEXT MORNING...

GONE ? ARE
YOU SURE ?

POSITIVE, MR. CONNERS !
THEY LEFT CUSTOMER-LIKE...
SAID TO GIVE YOU THE
MISSISSIPPI !



WHY DIDN'T THEY STAY,
DADDY? THEY SAID THEY
WERE GOING TO HELP
YOU!

I DON'T KNOW, SANDY...
MAYBE THEY JUST
CHANGED THEIR MINDS!



BUT DON'T WORRY, MONEY!
HELP OR NO HELP, I'M NOT
BACKING OUT OF THIS
ELECTION!



MEANWHILE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR...

GOOD WORK, STENDER!
WITH THOSE TWO OUT
OF THE WAY, CONNERS
OUGHT TO BE EASY!

I'LL START BY
SHOWING HIM MY
NEAR BUSINESS! I
KNOW JUST HOW
TO HANDLE IT!



AND LATER, WHILE JEFF MAKES A
SPEECH ON THE MAIN STREET...

THIS OUGHT TO
DISCOURAGE
CONNERS...



AT LEAST HE WON'T BE ABLE
TO PRINT ANY MORE POSTERS
FOR A WHILE!



THE NEXT DAY, JEFF STILL REFUSES TO GIVE UP...

...AND EVEN THOUGH THEY
BEAT MY PRESS, THEY
HAVEN'T STOPPED MY
VOICE! I REPEAT AGAIN
...SMILING JIM CAFFEY
WAS BLESSED THIS TOWN
LONG ENOUGH!



I KNOW I LACK EXPERIENCE... BUT
I'LL DO THE BEST I CAN TO RUN
THIS TOWN HONESTLY! WITH
YOUR HELP I CAN DO IT!



SPRING JIM, HOWEVER, IS ALSO COMPLAINING ABOUT...



...AND DON'T THINK
I DON'T REALIZE
THAT MY OPPONENT
HAS STOOPTO
SHABBY TRICKS AND
LIES TO TURN YOU
AGAINST ME!

I HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT HE
SMASHED HIS OWN PRESS IN AN EFFORT
TO BLAME ME AND CONVINCE YOU TO VOTE
AGAINST ME! IF YOU WANT TO BELIEVE
THOSE KIND OF LIES, THAT'S UP TO YOU...



BUT I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT WHEN VOTING
DAY COMES, THE GOOD CITIZENS OF THIS
TOWN WILL RETURN ME TO OFFICE AND BE
ASSURED OF THE LEADERSHIP OF A MAN
WHO HAS THE TOWN'S INTEREST AT
HEART!



THROUGHOUT THE
BITTER
CAMPAIGN AT THE
LONELY
CAMPGROUND SOME
MILES FROM
TOWN
BOB AND BART
ARE
HELD PRISONER...

WON'T BE LONG NOW, BOYS...
ANOTHER DAY AND IT'LL ALL
BE OVER!



AT ONE POINT EXHAUSTED FROM THE HONOROUS JOB OF GUARDING WITHOUT FELDER...

HE'S DOZING OFF... IF I CAN JUST GET THESE ROPES CLOSE TO THOSE HOT COALS...



BUT THE HORSE AROUSES MARE...

HOLD IT, COWBOY! MOVE BACK RIGHT WHERE YOU WERE!



I MAY BE TIRED, MISTER, BUT I'M NOT STUPID! THE NEXT TIME YOU PULL ANYTHING LIKE THAT, I'LL FINISH YOU OFF!



THE EVE OF THE ELECTION, STANDEE PAYS A VISIT TO JEFF'S RANCH...



AND INSIDE...

THIS IS JUST BY WAY OF A FRIENDLY WARNING, CONNERS! IT MIGHT BE WISE FOR YOU TO ANNOUNCE YOUR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ELECTION!

NO! I'M STAYING WITH IT!

I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOUR THREATS ANYMORE! NOW GET OUT!

I'M JUST TRYING TO GIVE YOU SENSIBLE ADVICE, CONNERS...







RIDING HARD,
BRET AND BART
SPUR
TOWARD
THE TOWN OF
EMERSE...



AND AT JEFF'S RANCH...

...AND I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT
OUR LEAVING, BUT IT WAS
A LIE !

IT ...IT'S TOO
LATE NOW ! I'VE
ALREADY
PULLED OUT !



JEFF EXPLAINS WHAT HAS HAPPENED DURING
THE PAST FEW DAYS...

BUT YOU CAN'T QUIT
NOW ! WE'VE GOT
ENOUGH ON THEM
TO PUT THEM AWAY
FOR YEARS !

THERE ISN'T TIME !
THE POLLS OPEN IN
HALF AN HOUR !



EVEN IF I WENT TO TOWN WITH
YOU, I COULD NEVER GET TO ALL
THE PEOPLE TO TELL THEM THE
TRUTH BEFORE THEY VOTE !

COME WITH US
ANYWAY... THERE'S
STILL A CHANCE !



I HAVE AN IDEA THAT
JUST MIGHT WORK...



AT THE EDGE OF TOWN...

WHAT ARE WE
STOPPING HERE
FOR?

IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE
... YOU'LL FIND OUT
IN A MINUTE!



AND MOMENTS LATER...

YOU WANT TO BUY
THIS OLD STABLE?

YES! HOW
MUCH? QUICK!



SEVEN HUNDRED
DOLLARS OUGHT
TO DO IT, BUT —

HERE!
YOU'RE
PAID!



COME ON... WE'VE
GOT TO WORK FIRST
AND SET THIS
STABLE ON FIRE!

WHAT?



GOOD THINKING, BROTHER BART!
THERE'S NOTHING IN THE WORLD LIKE
A GOOD FIRE TO BRING PEOPLE
ZIPPING!



THAT'S MY GUESS! EVERYONE IN DUNGE
WILL BE LEAVING WHATEVER THEY'RE DOING
TO COME HERE! WHEN THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER,
WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN
A FEW THINGS!





MAVERICK

in THE LOAN

ONE MORNING, AS BERT MAVERICK ARRIVES IN HORSESHOE BEND WHERE HE IS TO MEET HIS BROTHER BART...

Goodday!

AND STAY OUT!
WE DON'T WANT
SADDLE TRAMPS
IN THIS HOTEL!

BART! WHAT
IN THE WORLD
HAPPENED?

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING,
BROTHER BERT! IT SEEMS THE
HOTEL MANAGER EXPECTS ME
TO PAY MY BILL!

I TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT I WAS
ONLY TEMPORARILY SHORT OF
READY CASH! BUT, ALAS,
HE HAS A HEART OF STONE!

BUT TWO DAYS AGO YOU HAD TWO THOUSAND
DOLLARS! AND, I MIGHT ADD, HALF OF IT
WAS MINE! YOU WERE GOING TO RUN IT
INTO A FORTUNE!

TWO DAYS AGO I FELT LUCKY!
I ALSO DIDN'T KNOW MISS LUCY
TANNER...

MISS
WHO...?



PBNAIPS YOU COULD
SPARE A ROOD RELATIVE
A SQUARE MEAL... I
FIND IT DIFFICULT TO
TALK ON AN EMPTY
STOMACH!

ALL RIGHT!
BUT WHATEVER
HAPPENED, IT
BETTER BE
GOOD!



A SHORT WHILE LATER...

AN EXCELLENT
MEAL, BRET!
THANK YOU!

THANKS, NOTHING!
THAT'S ONE THOUSAND
AND TWO DOLLARS
YOU NOW OWE ME!



YOU'RE A GREEDY CUSS, BRET!
TO THINK YOU'D CHANGE YOUR
OWN FLESH AND BLOOD —

QUIT STALLING! LET'S
HAVE THE STORY! WHAT
HAPPENED TO OUR
MONEY?



WELL, LIKE I SAID, I MET THIS
YOUNG LADY... LUCY TANNER!
SHE WAS THE PRETTIEST THING
YOU EVER LAID EYES ON! BLUE
EYES, BLOND HAIR —



JUST LIKE THAT TIME IN
DALLAS... ONLY THEN, IT
WAS A GIRL WITH GREEN
EYES!

WHY, IT'S NOT
THE WAY YOU
THINK...



THIS GIRL WAS IN TROUBLE!
THE POOR KID NEEDED HELP!
ANYWAY, IT WAS JUST A
LOAN!

BUT SHE LEFT
TOWN WITHOUT
SAYING
FAREWELL, IS
THAT IT?

YEAH, HOW DID YOU KNOW ?

IT'S AN OLD ROUTINE, BART ! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D FALL FOR IT ! AND AFTER ALL THE THINGS OUR PAPPY WARNED US ABOUT !



THIS WAS DIFFERENT, BEEZY ... BELIEVE ME ! HER FATHER IS DEAD ——— AND HER MOTHER IS SICK ... THE CROPS HAVE BEEN BAD THIS YEAR ...



THE KIND OF CROP SHE'S HARVESTING IS DOING FINE ! TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH !

YOU WOULD HAVE LOANED HER THE MONEY, TOO ! I STILL THINK SHE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH !



THEN NOW COME SHE LEFT IN SUCH A HURRY ?

MAYBE SHE GOT MORE BAD NEWS ABOUT HER MOTHER ... I BELIEVE SHE SAID SHE LIVED IN POWDER CITY !



NOW WHAT ? DO YOU HAVE ANY MONEY ?

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ! BUT THIS TIME I'LL HANDLE THE FINANCES ! IF YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HORSE, YOU'D BETTER GET IT !



WHERE ARE WE HEADED ?

POWDER CITY, OF COURSE ! WE'RE GOING TO VISIT HER "SICK MOTHER" ! MAYBE WITH THE HELP OF A SHERIFF, WE MIGHT CONVINCE HER TO GET WELL !



A FEW DAYS LATER, IN POWDER CITY...

I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU, BRET!
WHEN IT COMES TO CARDS, YOU'RE
THE LUCKIEST MAN ALIVE!

LUCK AND SKILL,
BROTHER!



HOW MUCH
HAVE WE
GOT NOW?

TWO THOUSAND! AND
HALF OF IT IS YOURS!



OK, THAT'S REAL
DECENT OF YOU,
BRET!

FIGURING YOU OWE ME A
THOUSAND, I'LL JUST
POCKET THE WHOLE AMOUNT
AND WE'LL CALL IT EVEN!
THAT REAL BACK IN
HORSESHOE BEND IS
ON ME!



BRET, LOOK! THAT GIRL...
I... I THINK IT IS LUCY!

LET'S GO!



THERE SHE GOES!

LUCY!
WAIT!



HEY, YOU... STOP!





IT'S MR. HAWKICK... HE'S
THE MAN WHO LOANED ME
THE MONEY! I... I DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE HIM AT FIRST!

OR MAYBE YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO RECOGNIZE
HIM?

YOU TRYING
TO SAY OUR
SISTER IS
A LIAR?

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING...
YET! BUT WE'D LIKE TO
KNOW WHY SHE LEFT
HORSEHOSE BEND SO
SUDDENLY?



MOTHER TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORST!
BUT THANKS TO YOUR LOAN, WE WERE
ABLE TO GET HER A FINE DOCTOR!
SHE'S MUCH BETTER NOW...

YEAH!

THEN YOU WOULDN'T MIND IF WE
PAID YOUR MOTHER A VISIT...
MAYBE BRINGING HER SOME
FLOWERS OR SOMETHING?

SAY,
THAT'S
A GOOD
IDEA!



FIGURING THE GIRL IS ON THE SPOT, BART
AND BART ARE SURPRISED AT HER ANSWER.

WHY, I'M SURE MOTHER WOULD
JUST LOVE THAT! WHY DON'T YOU
COME OUT THIS EVENING
AFTER SUPPER?

IT'S JUST A MILE EAST
OF TOWN...A BIG WHITE
RANCH HOUSE! YOU
CAN'T MISS IT!

SORRY WE ROUGHED YOU
BOYS UP! WE DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE THE FRIENDS WHO
HELPED LUCY!



NOW DO
YOU
RELIEVE
ME?

I STILL SAY SHE'S A PHONY, AND
SHE'S GIVING US A PHONY STORY!
AND RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO
FOLLOW THEM!



I'LL MEET YOU BACK
AT THE HOTEL, LATER!



GRET FOLLOWS THE TRIO OUT OF TOWN...

I'M GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM
...JUST IN CASE THEY SHOULD
SUDDENLY DECIDE TO LEAVE TOWN!



AND SOON...

WHATEVER THEIR GAME
IS, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE
GOING THROUGH WITH IT! WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL TONIGHT TO
CALL THEIR HAND!



THAT EVENING, THE HARRICKS ARRIVE AT THE RANCH...

COME RIGHT IN,
GENTLEMEN!



HOW NICE OF YOU TO
BRING FLOWERS!

WHERE IS YOUR
MOTHER?



MOTHER? OH, THE POOR DEAD'S SLEEPING RIGHT NOW! WE CAN'T DISTURB HER! I'LL JUST PUT THESE IN WATER WHILE YOU TALK TO MY BROTHERS!

SHE'S TRYING TO STALL US...



I HEAR THAT CROPS ARE BAD THIS YEAR...

WORSE WE'VE EVER SEEN! AND WITH MA JACK, IT'S BEEN A REAL TOUGH ROAD, I'LL TELL YOU!



WE'RE STILL GOING TO NEED MORE MONEY TO PULL OUT OF THE HOLE, BUT THAT LOAN SURE SAVED MOTHER'S LIFE AND HELPED US A LOT!

I'VE GOT TO GET A LOOK IN THAT ROOM!



SUDDENLY BRET MAKES A LEAP FOR THE DOORWAY...

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!

GRAB HIM!



WE TOLD YOU MA COULDN'T BE DISTURBED!

SOCK!



AND WE INTEND TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE LYING TO US! YOUR SCHEME ISN'T GOING TO WORK THIS TIME!

WHAM





AS BRET AND BART BURST INTO THE ROOM...

MY GOODNESS, YOU STARTLED ME. I DREAMT THERE WAS THE MOST AWFUL FIGHT GOING ON! WHO ARE THESE GENTLEMEN LUCY?

WE...UH... WE WERE JUST...UH...



THIS IS BART AND BRET WAYERICK, MOTHER! THEY LOANED US THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS! I'M AFRAID THEY HAD A LITTLE ARGUMENT! WITH MIKE AND DAVE!

I CERTAINLY AM GLAD TO MEET YOU BOYS! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOUR GENEROUS LOAN, I MIGHT NOT BE HERE TODAY!



I JUST HOPE LUCY AND THE BOYS MANAGED TO GET A LOAN IN TOWN TODAY, SO THEY COULD PAY YOU BACK AND GET THE IRRIGATION DITCH FINISHED!

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER, MOTHER! JUST DON'T FRET!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

I STILL DON'T SEE WHY YOU HAD TO GIVE THEM ALL OUR MONEY!

THEY NEEDED IT, BART! THE BANK WOULDN'T ADVANCE THEM ANY MORE...AND AFTER ALL, IT'S JUST A LOAN!



A PLEDGE TO PARENTS



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The SPORTING BANDIT



"I was headed for Rio, when the stage was held up by a lone bandit, who robbed the passengers of their valuables. After his bold assault, he looked directly at me and exclaimed, as if I were an old friend, 'Why, you're Bart Maverick!' 'Right,' I groaned, 'you have my money, now what?'"



"'Nothing,' he replied, 'except to give you a chance to win back your loss!' To this I retorted, 'Only on condition that if I win my own, I can try to do the same for the rest of these unfortunate people.'"



"He agreed! The passengers became so interested in our contest that no one even tried to overpower the bandit. I was successful in winning . . . and shortly, a very happy lot of travelers boarded the stage."



"As the masked one turned to mount his horse, he called out, 'This isn't the only time you've cleaned me out, Maverick! But, just wait . . . the next time we meet, I'm betting on Lady Luck being with me!'"



"Now, everytime I sit in on a game with men I have won from before, I wonder which one of them might be the holdup man with a sense of humor. Maybe I will never know, but I'm always on the lookout for him!"

SOUND THE ALARM!



"Let the FIRE alarm sound in frontier towns and the whole population springs into action. Everyone feels that it is his civic duty to prevent the fire from spreading, and they drop whatever they are doing and rush to the scene.



"Since most of the structures are wooden, no time is lost. Bucket brigades form at the village pump, engaging one line to fight the actual blaze and another to wet down nearby buildings which are in danger.



"Even the smallest towns encourage fire prevention. Pails of water stand ready in hotel rooms and public buildings. Knotted ropes, secured near windows, are used as fire escapes from taller structures.



"Some of the larger Western cities have horse-drawn, steam-powered pumpers. The horses, trained to pull these vehicles, are indeed amazing animals and are not frightened by the smoke or flames.



"One thing for sure, people respect the use of the iron triangle used to sound the alarm of fire. Should a prankster turn in a false alarm, he is not dealt with very lightly by the fire-fighting citizens."